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For: INSULATION MODULE, SYSTEM AND  
METHOD FOR INSTALLATION AND  
MANUFACTURE

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REPLY TO THE INTERVIEW SUMMARY  
DATED APRIL 29, 2005  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.133

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This reply, filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.133, is in response to the Examiner's interview summary having a mailing date of April 29, 2005 and reflecting the substance of a

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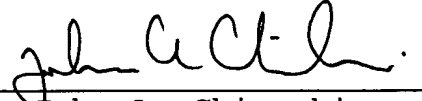
telephone interview conducted between the Examiner and applicant's attorney, John Chionchio, on April 26, 2005.

During the aforementioned interview, independent Claims 1 and 30 were discussed. Also discussed was the rejection of these claims on the basis of U.S. Patent No. 4,287,245 to Kikuchi.

Claims 1 and 30 recite a preformed insulation module having, among other features, a contraction/expansion joint positioned between the ends of the module. Applicant's attorney proposed amendments to these claims, adding the recitation that the contraction/expansion joint comprise a recess extending circumferentially around the insulation module to provide for longitudinal expansion and contraction of the module. The Examiner stated in response that the proposed amendments would likely distinguish over Kikuchi and thereby overcome the rejection of these claims on the basis of this reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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